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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Schneider, et al.)
Serial No.: 09/770,216)
Filed: January 21, 2001)
For: Stable Microbubble Suspensions As)
Enhancement Agents For Ultrasound)
Echography And Dry Formulations Thereof)

Art Unit: 1617
Examiner: Sharareh

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2002 ("Office Action") issued in connection with the above referenced application, U.S.S.N. 09/770,216 (hereinafter referred to as "the '216 application").

A response to the Office Action was originally due February 20, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time is NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$930.00) and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now May 20, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

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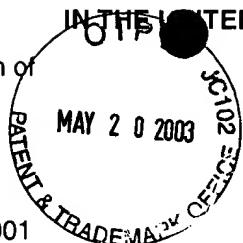
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In re Patent Application of

Schneider et al

Serial No. 09/770,216

Filed: January 29, 2001

Title: STABLE MICROBUBBLE SUSPENSIONS AS ENHANCEMENT AGENTS FOR
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	0	minus highest number		
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0	x \$ 18.00
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Independent claims after amendment	0	minus highest number		
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Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$410.00/2 months; \$930.00/3 months)	\$ 930.00
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00	\$ 0.00
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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